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A Community Dialogue on Israel

On any given day, the attention of the world is turned to events in Israel and the Middle East. As I write this article, there are news reports concerning captured Israeli soldiers, prisoner exchanges, future Palestinian leadership, debates over the Settlements, the growing Iranian threat, Israel's leadership, the face of the Pro-Israel lobby and much more. It is overwhelming to try to keep up with all the issues affecting our Homeland.

Our mission as a synagogue is not merely to pass on current events as they happen. Part of our educational mission must be to cultivate an honest, sophisticated and deep connection to Israel among all our members. We communicate a love for and engagement with Israel at every level of learning. Our schools teach our children about Israel in the Bible and in our prayers, and about the modern state. Our congregational trips, from the Young Family Mission to teen trips, create an active and ongoing face-to-face connection with Israel and Israelis.

Our Shabbaton this year, on January 22-23, reflects our effort to learn about Israel, know her history and present challenges, understand her culture, hear from her leadership and build a community dialogue that will last well beyond the weekend itself.

Our Shabbaton Chairs, Darcy Dalton, Nadine Habousha and Barbara Weinstein have assembled an extraordinary list of presenters, who will approach Israel from many angles. *Yasher koah* to the committee and to Rabbi Julia Andelman for their planning and for all their hard work to organize the weekend.

Our featured speaker is Ambassador Michael Oren. Long before his present position of leadership, many of us knew of Ambassador Oren's scholarship as author of the best-selling ***Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East***. We are deeply honored to host the Ambassador and look forward to welcoming him.

Dr. Ken Stein will speak on "Arab-Israeli Negotiations: Lessons from Sixty Years of Experience," and Dr. Stephen P. Cohen will speak about Track II negotiations. As senior professor of history at Emory University and Director of the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel, Dr. Stein has become the "go-to" person when it comes to Israel education. Dr. Cohen is widely known as an authority on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

We are also excited to hear from Gershom Gorenberg, an Israel historian and expert on the Settlements. And lest things get too serious, we will laugh together, entertained by Yisrael Campbell, Israel's premiere standup comedian. Our own cantors will conclude Shabbat with a congregational Havdalah.

No matter what the theme, the Shabbaton is a chance to build community. I distinctly recall being awed last year by the crowd at the Shabbaton and the friendships that were formed and reinforced as so many members came to learn together.

Watch for your invitation in the mail. The ***only*** way to register this year is by returning the reply card, not by phone or by email. Last year we had to close registration and I imagine this year will be a sell-out as well. Please return your reply card now! We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Shabbaton!

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Celebrating a simha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *kiddush* any weekday after the Morning *Minyan*.

For more information, *contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600, x105 or lschneider@pasyn.org.*

Let Us Know What Is Happening

Maimonides wrote in his *Mishneh Torah* "It is a *mitzvah* to visit the sick, comfort mourners, accompany, eulogize, and bury the deceased, and escort and rejoice with a bride and groom. These acts fall under the rubric of *gemilut hasadim* – deeds of loving-kindness – and are not measured in terms of quantity." The Torah considers these *mitzvot* as the fulfillment of a basic tenet of Judaism: *v'ahavta l'reakha kamokha* – love your fellow as yourself (Leviticus 19:18). Just as we would want others to comfort us and rejoice with us, we are commanded to mourn and celebrate with fellow members of the community.

The Park Avenue Synagogue community is here for you. We want to be involved with your lifecycle events – birth, marriage, illness, death and any other significant times. But for us to be part of your lives, you must let us know what is happening.

S'mahot

We want to rejoice and celebrate with you on your joyous occasions. Let us know about births, engagements, weddings, and other important milestones. We can help you plan your baby's naming or *brit milah*, schedule an *aufruf*, serve as *m'sader kiddushin* for (conduct) your wedding, and bring Jewish tradition and *yiddishkeit* to your *simha*. We also want to recognize your achievements with a *mazal tov* in the Bulletin.

Illness or Immobility

The clergy at PAS work closely with the *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee to reach out to those who are ill or who must be homebound. We can stay in touch with you through visits or phone calls; we want to help in any way we can. We also have a social worker available to our community sponsored by DOROT and UJA – Katie Weinberger, LMSW. She can be reached at 212-769-2850. All interactions will remain strictly confidential.

Death

We are here to comfort you at your time of loss and will guide you in making appropriate decisions during this difficult time. Please contact the Rabbis' Office at 212-369-2600, x120. If the office is closed, the voice message provides the contact information for the "Rabbi on Call." Do not hesitate to call anytime, 24/7.

If you would like PAS clergy to officiate at any lifecycle event, ***please speak to a Rabbi before finalizing the time of your event.*** *The Rabbis, Cantors, and entire Park Avenue Synagogue community are here for you. Allow us to be a part of your lives. Please contact the Rabbis' Office at 212-369-2600, x120.*

Events

Shabbaton 2010/5770

Israel in Conflict and Dialogue: The Past as Prologue | $ ✆

AMBASSADOR MICHAEL B. OREN is an Israeli scholar, historian, author and diplomat now serving as Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

DR. STEPHEN P. COHEN is the pioneer of Track II Diplomacy – the unofficial facilitation that has been crucial in advancing the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

GERSHOM GORENBERG is an Israeli historian, journalist and author, and an expert on the Settlements.

DR. KENNETH W. STEIN is a senior professor of history at Emory University, and director of the Emory Institute for Israel Studies.

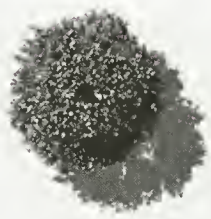
YISRAEL CAMPBELL is widely regarded as Israel's premiere standup comedian.

$ ✆ RSVP's are due by January 11, *by reply card only. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please contact the Synagogue office, office@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600.*

Tu BiShvat Higiya! ט"ו בִּשְׁבַט הִגִּיעַ

The New Year Of The Trees Is Coming!

Why a new year for trees?



In ancient times, farmers needed to know how old a fruit tree was in order to know whether or not its fruit could be eaten. (See Leviticus 19:23-25). In the 16th-18th centuries Jewish mystics in the city of Tzfat (Safed) created a Tu BiShvat observance that focused on the "four worlds" of creation according to the Kabbalah. With the establishment of agricultural settlements in Palestine in the late 1800's, Tu BiShvat came to symbolize the revival and redemption of the land. In modern Israel Tu BiShvat is celebrated with tree-planting, especially by schoolchildren. In the USA in the last 25 years, Tu BiShvat has become a Jewish ecology awareness day, with attention to recycling and other ways of caring for the earth.

How do we celebrate?

1. Eat fruit! Since Tu BiShvat is the 15th day of the month, some people have the custom to eat 15 different kinds of fruit, with preference to kinds of fruit that grow in Eretz Yisrael. These days we can sometimes find in our grocery stores fruits that actually were grown in Israel. Look for persimmons, Jaffa oranges, avocados.

2. Eat fruit and grain! Some people eat the Seven Species for which Eretz Yisrael is known: "a land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs, and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and [date] honey." (Deuteronomy 8:8)

3. Have a tree seder! In the 16th-18th centuries, a special order of service was compiled for Tu BiShvat. Modeled on the Passover seder, it includes drinking four cups of wine, progressing from white to red to symbolize the transition from winter's rain to the full heat of summer. You can find a modern version of the Tu BiShvat Seder at www.myjewishlearning.com. *(Click on the Holidays tab, then on Tu BiShvat in the pulldown menu.)*

4. Read Psalm 104, which glorifies the earth as God's creation.

5. For another focus on the number 15, read some or all of the 15 "Psalms of Ascent," Psalms 120-134. (we sing Psalm 126, known as *Shir Ha-ma'alot,* before *Birkat haMazon*, Grace After Meals, on Shabbat and Festivals.)

6. Read a book or story about trees. Suggestions from the Edmond de Rothschild Library:
Pearl Plants a Tree by Jane Breskin Dalben
Once There Was a Tree by Natalia Romanova
A Tree is Growing by Arthur Dorros
A Tree is Nice by Janice May Udry
The Never-ending Greenness by Neil Waldman.

7. Find more information on Tu BiShvat. Go to www.jtsa.edu/About/JTS_Stories/Tu_Bishvat.xml for activities, recipes and environmental tips from JTS.

8. Plant a tree in Israel through the Jewish National Fund.

9. Grow your own tree of Jewish knowledge. Mark your calendar to attend a program or class described in this Bulletin or in the Winter/Spring Program Calendar.

10. Visit Central Park to admire the trees. To learn more about trees in the city, read ***New York City Trees: A Field Guide for the Metropolitan Area*** by Edward S. Barnard. The book includes photographs, tree silhouettes, leaf and fruit morphologies, and charming, informative explanatory texts. It has four sections: "The Best Places to See Trees" (insider's tips and helpful maps); "New York City's Great Trees" (a directory of the oldest, strangest, most beautiful trees); "The Tree Guide" (identification by leaf shape and size); and "Sources and Resources" for future investigation.

11. Sing all the songs you can think of that mention trees.

12. Plant a daffodil or tulip bulb that will flower soon.

13. Cut or buy forsythia branches, bring them inside, and watch the buds swell and bloom.

14. Feed birds. The Shabbat closest to Tu BiShvat is always *Shabbat Beshallah.* In the *parashah*, God gives the Israelites manna, and Moses instructs them to collect a double portion on Friday because none will fall on Shabbat. There is a midrash (a story about the Torah text) that some people wanted to have a little fun with Moses; they spread some manna on Friday night, so on Shabbat morning, it would look as if manna had indeed fallen. During the night, birds came and ate all that manna, so in the morning, there was no embarrassment to Moses. Some people feed birds on *Shabbat Beshallah*, to thank them. Since birds live in trees, the custom ties in nicely to Tu BiShvat.

15. Resolve to be diligent about recycling paper.

Friday 1 15 Tevet
Candle lighting, 4:20 pm
Offices closed
9:00 am | **Morning Minyan**
6:15 pm | **Friday Evening service**

Saturday 2 16 Tevet
Parashat Va-y'hi
9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**
4:30 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv service**

Friday 8 22 Tevet
Shabbat Candle lighting, 4:27 pm
6:15 pm | **Friday Evening service with Children's Birthday Blessings**

Saturday 9 23 Tevet
Parashat Sh'mot
9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**
Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Edelstein, son of Susan & David Edelstein
9:30 am | **Havurah**
10:15 am | **Junior Congregation**
10:15 am | **Nitzanim**
11:15 am | **Tot Shabbat**
4:45 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv service**

Friday 15 29 Tevet
Candle lighting, 4:34 pm
6:15 pm | **Friday Evening service**

Saturday 16 1 Shevat
Rosh Hodesh
Parashat Va-era
9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**
Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Langhaus, son of Kathy Marlin & Arthur Langhaus
10:15 am | **Learners' Minyan**
4:45 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv service**

Friday 22 6 Shevat
Candle lighting, 4:42 pm
6:15 pm | **Musical Shabbat service**
Shabbaton begins

Saturday 23 7 Shevat
Parashat Bo
Shabbaton
9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**
9:30 am | **Havurah**
11:15 am | **Tot Shabbat**
5:00 pm | **CS Shabbat B'Yachad**
5:00 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv service**
5:00 pm | **Musical Havdallah**

Friday 29 14 Shevat
Candle lighting, 4:51 pm
6:15 pm | **Friday Evening service**

Saturday 30 15 Shevat
Tu BiShvat
Parashat Beshallah
9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**
Bar Mitzvah of Mark Norwich, son of Audrey Weiss & Michael Norwich
10:15 am | **Junior Congregation**
10:30 am | **Young Families Tu BiShvat service**
4:30 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv service**

Special Services

Friday, January 8 | 6:15 pm

Birthday Blessings ברכות
Our celebration for children born this month takes place during the regular Friday Evening Service and includes a small gift for birthday children as well as a festive Kiddush. For more information, contact the Rabbis' Office.

Saturdays, January 9, 23 | 9:30 am

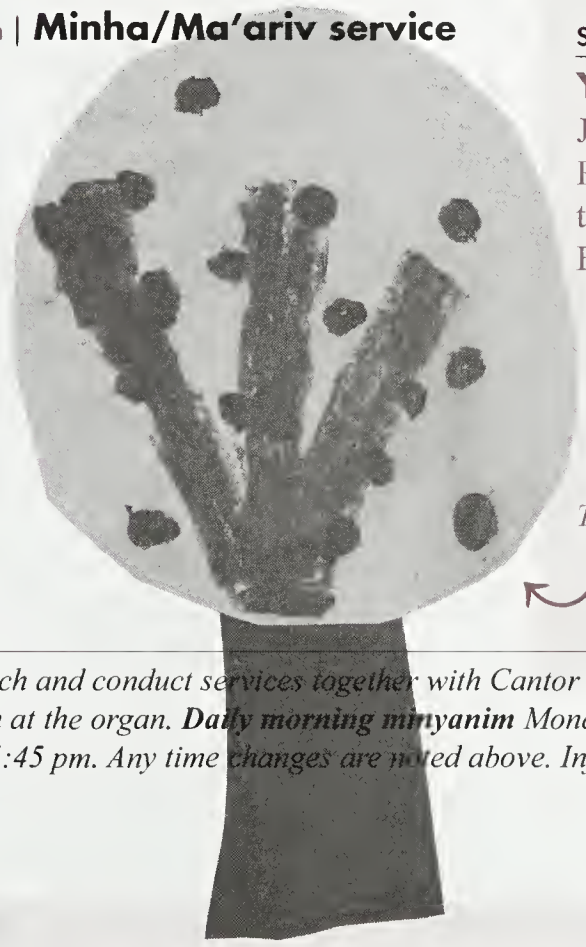
Havurah חבורה
The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

Saturday, January 16 | 10:15 – 11:15 am

Learners' *Minyan* מנין לימוד
Are you curious about Shabbat services? Eager to understand more about the liturgy? Would you like to learn the choreography of a morning service? The Learners' Minyan is for you. It will meet on the third Shabbat of every month. Come learn the Shabbat morning service in a relaxed, intimate group.

Saturday, January 30 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Young Families Tu BiShvat
Join Rabbi Rein and Librarian Marga Hirsch for a short Shabbat service and then for a "Tree Seder" celebrating the Birthday of the Trees.



Tree by ECC student, January, 2009.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld, Cantor Azi Schwartz and the PAS Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ. ***Daily morning minyanim*** *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sunday and legal holidays at 9:00 am.* ***Minha/Ma'ariv*** *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Any time changes are noted above. Information is subject to change. Confirm with the Synagogue office or at www.pasyn.org.*

Do you know someone ill, elderly or homebound?

The **PAS *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee** reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, *please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120. In loving memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell.*

Synagogue Family

Welcome ברוכים הבאים

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Jeffrey & Stacy Friedman
Kimberly Harounian
Emil & Joanna Kleinhaus
Martin & Judith Knopf
Richard Monks

B'nei Mitzvah בני מצוה

Samuel Edelstein | January 9

Sam is a 7th grader at the Dalton School, where his favorite subject is history. He started his Jewish education at Park Avenue Synagogue's Early Childhood Center and continues as a student in the Congregational School.

In addition to being the center of Sam's Jewish life, Park Avenue Synagogue has been Sam's most important source of friendship. Sam met his two best friends, Xander Furman and Henry Smul, in the orange and blue rooms of the ECC; they have worked their way up through the Congregational School together.

Sam is an avid soccer player. Between the Dalton team and his travel club, Sam plays soccer seven days a week. Sam also loves surfing, lacrosse and most of all, football. He enjoys watching New York Jets games with his dad and two brothers, Toby and Peter, who are all loyal fans despite suffering through loss after loss.

Sam looks forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah and along with his parents, would like to thank Rabbi Cosgrove, Cantor Abramson, Rina Moskowitz and all the PAS teachers and staff who have helped Sam come to this day.

Ethan Langhaus | January 15

Ethan has been active at Park Avenue Synagogue since the age of two. He attended the ECC, and has continued his Jewish Education at PAS since. Ethan is a 7th grader at the Stephen Gaynor School and will graduate from there this year.

Ethan has a passion for life that's contagious. His enthusiasm, sensitivity to others and pursuit of excellence in all his endeavors defines who Ethan is, whether he's studying Math or History, playing baseball or sailing, playing tennis or skiing, playing the guitar or dancing. Ethan splits his summers between Southwoods Camp and Fire Island where he loves to play Trangleball and have barbecues.

Ethan is also involved with the organization Charity: Water, which builds wells for clean drinking water in underdeveloped areas around the world. He will donate a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to them.

Ethan would like to thank his Congregational School teachers, and Rabbis Cosgrove and Rein, not only for working with him through the summer but also for indulging Ethan's love of baseball. Ethan would like to give special thanks to Ronit Aranoff for her incredible assistance in preparing him for his Bar Mitzvah, his tutor Jonathan Schultz, as well as Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Rein and Cantors Abramson, Schwartz and Rozenfeld for their help and guidance in his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Mark Norwich | January 30

Mark Norwich is a 7th grader who attends Robert F. Wagner Middle School. His preferred subjects are Math and Social Studies. When not studying hard at school, he likes to play on the Yorkville Tackle football team. After doing extra curricular work or attending PAS Congregational School, Mark really enjoys spending time with his many friends. During the summer he retreats from the city to Camp Moosilauke. He has completed his fourth year there, and hopes one day to become a counselor.

Mark takes great pleasure in snowboarding, especially on the occasions when he gets to "hit the mountain" with his grandfather, Chuck. Traveling is a big part of his life. Some of the more important trips are to South Africa, where he gets to spend quality time with his grandmother and other family whom he rarely sees. He is delighted to have so many of his overseas family with him for his Bar Mitzvah. Mark would like to thank everyone at PAS for helping him prepare for this significant event in his life.

Update On Our Cantorial Search

Brian G. Lustbader, President of PAS

During this past year, we have reaped the fine first fruits of the cantorial search I described in last April's Bulletin. As you all know, based on the input we received from the PAS community in the early part of 2009 and on the auditions and interviews that the Cantorial Search Committee conducted at that time, the Committee selected two excellent interim cantors – Elana Rozenfeld (nee Cohen) and Azi Schwartz. They teamed up magnificently with Cantor Abramson to provide some of the most memorable High Holiday services that our synagogue has ever experienced. They continued at that high level through Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret/ Simhat Torah.

Cantor Elana Rozenfeld

Since July, Cantor Rozenfeld (who was married to Raphael Rozenfeld in November) has worked closely with Cantor Abramson to conduct Shabbat and holiday services, lead Junior Congregation and Nitzanim services, teach Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and adult learning classes, and engage in many other aspects of synagogue life. With her inspiring singing voice, exuberant personality, and virtually limitless energy and enthusiasm, she has become a welcome mainstay both of our clergy team and of the Park Avenue Synagogue community as a whole.

Cantor Azi Schwartz

Cantor Schwartz has had an equally strong impact on all of us. Along with Cantors Abramson and Rozenfeld he energized and captivated the entire congregation with his charismatic singing and warm personality during the fall holidays. In addition to working closely with Cantor Abramson, Neil Robinson and the choir, and even though his first stay here was only for the five weeks from Selihot through Simhat Torah, he also formed and trained a student chorus that sang beautifully at Simhat Torah. In December he and Cantors Abramson and Rozenfeld prepared a stunning Hanukkah musicale that featured the Congregational Singers, Congregational School students and choir, woodwind quartet, and Neil Robinson as well as the three cantors. **All three cantors will sing together again at a special concert on January 31: "Cantors in Song: A Concert to Honor Shabbat Shira."** Cantor Schwartz will return one more time during 5770, over Pesach. We all wish him and his wife, Noa, a special *B'sha'ah tovah*, as Noa is expecting their second child in May.

Postponement of the Search for a Permanent Cantor

As a result of this inspiring year and the desire of each Cantor to remain through next year, we have agreed with Cantor Schwartz and Cantor Rozenfeld to continue as interim cantors for an additional year. Based on that newly-extended arrangement, we will postpone the start of our search for a new permanent cantor until the fall of 2010.

I think we all would agree that by energizing and engaging our congregation so beautifully this year, Cantors Rozenfeld and Schwartz have been wonderful additions to our community and we all look forward to their spending another wonderful year with us.

Reclaiming Shabbat
Friday, February 5

Build friendships and create warm Shabbat experiences. Have Shabbat dinner with other congregants, either as hosts or as guests. Space is limited.

To be a host or a guest, *contact Heidi Drassinower by January 25 at hdrassinower@pasyn.org or x111.*

Condolences המקום ינחם אתכם

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families.

Louis Bernstein and Barbara Weinstein *on the loss of his father, Leonard Bernstein*
Phyllis Colvin *on the loss of her husband, Arthur Colvin*
Geoffrey & Marcia Colvin *on the loss of his father, Arthur Colvin*
Rabbi Elliot and Debbie Cosgrove *on the loss of her grandmother, Mildred C. Stern*
Jacklynn Price *on the loss of her mother, Shirlie Ruth Morgenstern*
Mark & Carolyn Schwartz *on the loss of his mother, Hannah Schwartz*
Gerald & Diane Smallberg *on the loss of his mother, Ruth Smallberg*
Elaine Weitzman *on the loss of her husband, Charles Weitzman*

Mazal tov מזל טוב

Mazal tov to **Zina Goldrich** (Stern) and her writing partner Marcy Heisler, who have won the 2009 Fred Ebb Award for excellence in musical theater songwriting.
Yasher koah to **Sam Silverman**, who was selected to attend the AIPAC Teen Summit at the November General Assembly in Washington, DC.

An integrated list of opportunities *for adult learning and programs at PAS Classes and events with no other sponsor listed are offered by the Department of Lifelong Learning. For complete information about classes and events, including registration information, please refer to the* ***Winter/Spring 2010/5770 Program Calendar*** *or to the PAS website,* ***www.pasyn.org****.*

Weekly Classes

Monday

Hebrew

6:30 pm | **Beginning Siddur** | D. Mann
6:30 pm | **Beginning Conversational** | Z. Rothschild
6:30 pm | **Intermediate Conversational** | V. Nissan
7:30 pm | **Advanced Conversational** | V. Hubara

Tuesday

8:00 am | **Essential Essays** | R. Cosgrove
11:30 am | **Contemporary Jewish Thought** | R. Rein

Wednesday

6:45 pm | **Florence Melton Adult Mini-School**

Thursday

9:15 am | **Florence Melton Adult Mini-School**
12:00 noon | **Lunch & Learn** | PAS Senior Staff

Friday

8:00 am | **Talmud Torah** | R. Rein

Saturday

8:45 am | **Parashat Hashavua**

Monthly/Bimonthly

Sponsored by the Congregational School

Parent Education | Attend classes at the same time as your children!

Mitzvah Initiative*

Tuesday, January 5
4:45 – 5:30 pm | Rabbi Rein

**The Wednesday class with Rabbi Cosgrove will resume in February.*

New class!

Understanding the Siddur

Monday, January 4
5:00 – 5:45 pm | Cantor Rozenfeld

Gain understanding of content as well as practical skills to get more out of services. Basic Hebrew reading ability recommended. Open to CS parents and all others.

See Program Calendar for additional dates & details.

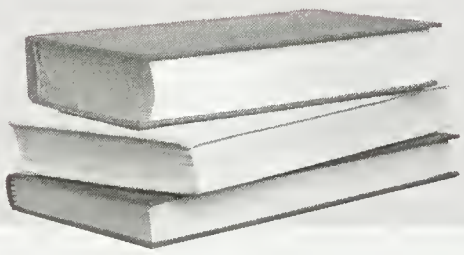
New class!

Synagogue Leadership Skills

Mondays, January 11 & 25
5:00 – 5:45 pm | Cantor Rozenfeld

Learn new melodies, *nusach*, and bima choreography. Designed for people who want to lead Havurah services or become more active prayer participants.

See Program Calendar for additional dates & details.



Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Evening Book Discussion Group

Facilitator: Pat Davidson | Monday, January 11 | 8:00 pm
Book: ***Songs for the Butcher's Daughter*** by Peter Manseau

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Yiddish Club | Tuesday, January 19 | 1:00 pm

in the Rothschild Library

Join our warm and friendly group for Yiddish conversation and culture, coffee and cake.

For information, *call Florence Solomon, 212-369-3856.*

New for 2010!

Torah on Tap | Thursday, January 21 | 7:00 pm | $ ✆

Join Rabbi Rein and the Men's Club at a local pub to drink beer and discuss Torah. Location TBD.

$ ✆ RSVP to *jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com.*

Sponsored by the Young Couples Group

YCG Jewish Museum Visit

Thursday, January 28 | 6:30 pm | $ ✆

Under the guidance of Rachel Kassenoff and Allison Dubrow the evening begins with a tour of the Man Ray exhibit and continues with a reception at a nearby location. Cost TBA. Space is limited.

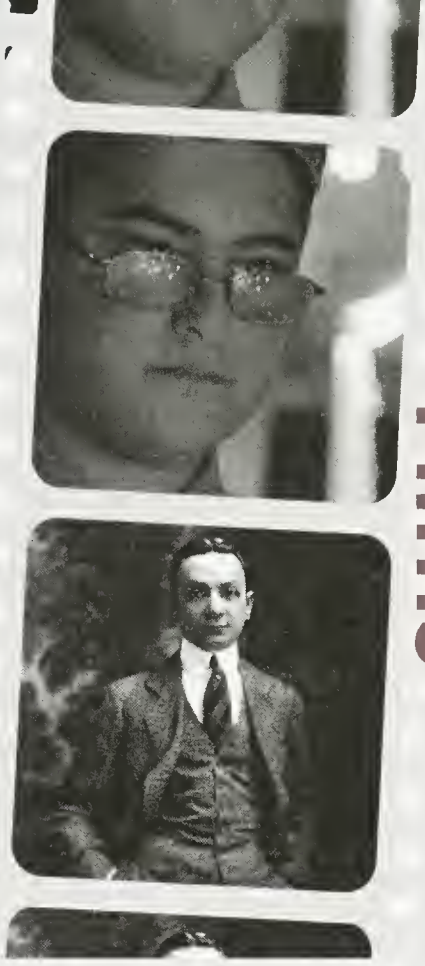
$ ✆ Please RSVP as soon as possible *to rsvpycg@gmail.com. For more information about the Young Couples Group, please contact Jessie Harris at jessieharris4@gmail.com.*

Sponsored by Sisterhood & the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Facilitator: Renée Waldinger | Monday, February 8 | 11:00 am
Book: ***Memory***, by Phillipe Grimbert. Start reading now to be ready for next month's discussion!

The Edmund de Rothschild Library
Park Avenue Synagogue



Praying with Lior | directed by Ilana Trachtman

Tuesday, January 12 | 7:00 pm

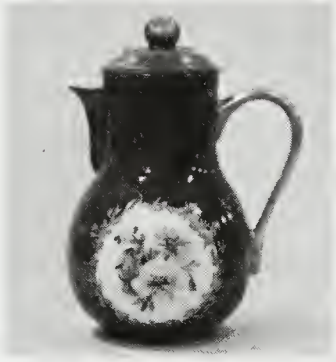
This engrossing, wrenching and tender documentary introduces Lior Liebling, "the little rebbe." Lior, who has Down Syndrome, has prayed with utter abandon since he was a toddler. Is he a "spiritual genius"? A burden? An inspiration? An embarrassment? The movie poses difficult questions about what is "disability," and who really talks to God?

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Broadway: The American Musical, Part 2

Tuesday, January 26 | 1:00 pm

In the 1920s, brilliant composers and lyricists like Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, and Lorenz Hart created the modern American musical. Join us for a light lunch and a fascinating account of the Golden Age of Broadway.



PAS Gallery

PAS Artists: Ellen Alt, Alan Davidson, Karen Glanternik, Karen Smul

Exhibition continues in the Gallery.

Sponsored by Men's Club

Financial and Real Estate Forum

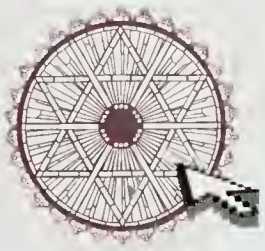
Thursday January 7 | 7:15 pm

Hosted by renowned expert and UBS Chief Economist Maury Harris. Come for the latest forecast.
No need to RSVP.

Cantors in Song: A concert to Honor Shabbat Shira | Sunday, January 31 | 4:00 pm

Featuring Park Avenue Synagogue's Three Cantors: Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld, Cantor Azi Schwartz. Enjoy the many musical personalities of our cantors: traditional *hazzanut*, Broadway ballads, contemporary liturgical compositions, and a musical meeting of the minds. You won't want to miss this entertaining, uplifting winter afternoon!

While we know you'll want to read every word in this bulletin, please remember to recycle when done!



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In Rabbi Cosgrove's sermons and Bulletin articles he has regularly emphasized the importance of performing *gemilut hasadim* (acts of loving kindness) and of being a caring community responsible for our fellow congregants, the Jewish community and all humanity. Rabbi Cosgrove has charged us to infuse this concept, individually and collectively, into our synagogue culture throughout the year through Tikkun Olam projects and educational efforts.

See a UJA-Federation Agency in Action – Visit F·E·G·S

February 3 | 10 – 11:30 am | ✆

The mission of F·E·G·S Health and Human Services System has remained constant for almost three-quarters of a century: to meet the needs of the Jewish and broader community through a diverse network of high quality, cost-efficient health and human services that help each person achieve greater independence at work, at home, at school and in the community, and meet the ever-changing needs of business and our society. F·E·G·S has assisted more than three million people since its founding in 1934 and is now one of the largest and most diversified not-for-profit health and human services organizations in the United States. Join Rabbi Julia Andelman and fellow PAS members on a short overview visit to F·E·G·S Health and Human Services System and see the UJA-Federation system in action.

✆ **Please RSVP** *to Robin Kaplan at rhk@nyc.rr.com.*

Want to be a Professor for DOROT's University Without Walls?

Information Session | February 25 | 7:00 pm | ✆

University Without Walls offers hundreds of stimulating classes each year to seniors and other homebound individuals on a range of topics, enabling participants to engage via conference call within the comfort of their own home. Topics have included the arts, history, health, and current events, among others. Are you interested in teaching a class? Is there a hot topic related to your profession, or have you acquired knowledge through a hobby or travel? Classes are typically an hour long and can be scheduled at the convenience of the volunteer facilitator. To learn more, come to the information session.

✆ **Please RSVP** *to Natalie Barth at Natalie_barth@hotmail.com.*

Warming Up Winter

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves and scarves at the PAS Hanukkah Celebration in December. The Hats for Hanukkah Program benefitted children assisted by the Westchester Jewish Community Services, a UJA-Federation beneficiary agency.

Social Worker for PAS Seniors and Caregivers

We are partnering with DOROT as beneficiaries of a UJA-Federation Partners in Caring grant, to provide on-site, licensed social work assistance to senior members of our community and their families. Are you or a family member looking for companionship, shopping assistance, an escort to a medical appointment, volunteer opportunities or caregiver support? Please reach out to Katie Weinberger, LMSW, a licensed social worker who holds office hours at P.A.S. on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Katie at 212-769-2850 or kweinberger@dorotusa.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

Need Assistance During These Difficult Economic Times?

Employment and career counseling, financial consultation, debt counseling, budget assistance, legal services and personal counseling are available to individuals in the Jewish community (at no charge) through UJA-Federation's Connect-to-Care initiative.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor, *please call 212-399-2685, x206.*

Opening Our Doors Welcoming You In

The theme for this year's PAS Gala reflects a vibrant community celebrating those who have made it so. Martin and Lynn Halbfinger have worked tirelessly over the years on behalf of the synagogue they love, offering their skills, vision, philanthropy and warm-hearted enthusiasm for projects big and small.

Martin Halbfinger, a Managing Director, Investments and Private Wealth Advisor at UBS Financial Services Inc., has served as Trustee, Officer, and Treasurer of PAS. In addition to these responsibilities, he has chaired the community-wide Kol Nidre Campaign for the past eight years. Named on Barron's list of "Top 100 Financial Advisors in America," Marty has brought his considerable professional skills to bear on synagogue

The commitment between the Park Avenue Synagogue and the Jewish Theological Seminary underlines the positive and powerful vision of Jewish continuity that we share. PAS has been a direct beneficiary of JTS programs, and has been a truly supportive partner of the Seminary. The synergy between PAS and JTS is evident every day. As the pre-eminent academic institution training Conservative rabbis, cantors, Jewish educators and professionals, JTS is a teaching institution for our clergy, professional staff and lay leadership. JTS rabbinical, cantorial and educational interns are a frequent presence at the synagogue.

There are many opportunities for the PAS community to benefit from JTS scholarship. For additional information about these classes and events, consult the PAS Winter/Spring Program Calendar.

Mitzvah Initiative
with Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Rein

Parents of Congregational School and Day School students study this JTS-developed curriculum which addresses mitzvah in the lives of Conservative Jews today. Classes meet once a month on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Classes at PAS with JTS Professors
Rabbinics with Rabbi Judith Hauptman
February 2, 9, 16, 23

JTS/PAS Home Study
with Rabbi Amy Kalmanofsky
February 11

Annual Gerson Cohen Memorial Lecture
Professor Jonathan Sarna, Brandeis University
February 4 | at JTS

This year's lecture is dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hadassah Ribalow Nadich.

Seminary Shabbat at PAS
with Chancellor Arnold Eisen
April 17

JTS Garden Party
May 11

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governance and finances, always leading by cheerful example. Marty has also held leadership positions at UJA Federation over the years.

Lynn Halbfinger, whose lovely warmth infuses all that she does, brings to PAS her experience of lay leadership in FEGS and other UJA agencies, as well as active engagement with the Bronx Lab School, Columbia Grammar and Prep, and Trinity School. Lynn was Co-Chair of the PAS 125th Anniversary Gala in 2008 and the 2009 Gala Dinner honoring Amy A.B. Bressman. Recipient of the UJA Volunteer of the Year Award in 2003, Lynn currently is a PAS Trustee who sits on board committees focusing on UJA, development and art. She also served as a Congregational School class president for many years.

Married for 30 years, Lynn and Marty met at a UJA-Federation Leadership Development meeting. They are proud parents of Bonnie, age 19, who is a sophomore at Barnard College and Caroline, age 15, who is a sophomore at Columbia Grammar and Prep School. Both daughters attended the Congregational School and were bat mitzvah on the PAS bima. Ever committed to the PAS community, the Halbfinger family participated in both congregational trips to Israel.

As individuals and as a family, the Halbfingers model the engaging, committed, selfless behavior that makes PAS the vibrant community it is today, truly opening our doors and welcoming you in. Let's celebrate and be grateful!

The Limud Program

Barbara B. Stern
PAS Special Needs Consultant & Limud Supervisor

We learn from the Torah that each of us is created *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the Divine image. With this in mind the PAS Congregational School created a program for children with special needs ten years ago. The goals of Limud are threefold:

To develop an understanding of disability and inclusion based on the understanding that each of us is created in God's image and that we are more alike than different.

To create an empathetic and welcoming attitude toward people with special learning needs.

To provide religious school instruction to children with special learning needs. Just as the Haggadah tells us to teach each child according to the question s/he asks, we strive to teach each child in a way that he or she can understand and to help each child to feel comfortable and successful with Jewish learning.

These goals have been strengthened in meaningful ways at PAS this year with a self-contained class and an inclusion model.

On Wednesday afternoons, there is a Limud II class for children in grades 3 and 4 with mild to moderate learning challenges, such as language or auditory processing difficulties, attentional factors, and PDD/Aspergers on the Autism spectrum. This class follows the PAS curriculum, emphasizing learning of Hebrew, prayers, holidays, biblical stories, and love of Israel. Students join together with the other fourth grade classes for music and dance. In this class of seven students, we are able to individualize for each child's specific needs and modalities of learning.

On Thursday afternoons, students in Limud I (grades K-2) and Limud II (grades 5-7) attend regular Congregational School classes with a special education teacher in the classroom to shadow each child's needs and growth (the inclusion model). This year is the first that we have the special ed teachers in the classroom for support, and we are finding this model to be highly successful.

All Limud students are trained according to their ability for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. With the help of our wonderful staff – Emily Kieval, David Kieval, and Michali Levitt – and the cooperation of our students' families, we are able to "educate each child according to his/her way/path." (Proverbs 22:6).

Children's and School Program Schedule

Monday, January 4		**School resumes after winter break.**
		Understanding the Siddur Parent Ed – Cantor Rozenfeld *(see description on p. 8.)*
Tuesday, January 5	4:45 – 5:30 pm	**Mitzvah Initiative Parent Ed – Rabbi Rein**
Saturday, January 9		**Junior Congregation and classes**
	10:15 – 11:00 am	**Nitzanim**
Monday, January 11		**Synagogue Leadership Skills Parent Ed – Cantor Rozenfeld** *(see p. 8)*
Saturday, January 16		**NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Weekend**
Monday, January 18		**NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day of Service**
Thursday, January 21	5:30 – 7:00 pm	**Vav B'nei Mitzvah program** *(parents and students)*
Saturday, January 23	5:00 pm	**Shabbat B'Yachad (PAS Shabbaton)**
Monday, January 25		**Synagogue Leadership Skills Parent Ed – Cantor Rozenfeld** *(see p. 8)*
Saturday, January 30		**Junior Congregation and classes**

PAS children in grades Gan to 5 – students in the Congregational School as well as Day School students – have each received a **Mitzvah Journal** to record the *mitzvot* they do each month, beginning in November with Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day. The journal suggests appropriate *mitzvot* to do that month, often in connection with a holiday. Children learn that *mitzvot* are commandments given to us by God. The journal suggests doing *mitzvot* that reinforce Jewish heritage, like lighting Shabbat candles, as well as *mitzvot* that help others and make the world a better place, like donating food to the hungry.

The high school and youth programs at PAS have had a busy couple of months with a range of exciting and successful events from the Food Pantry Thanksgiving bonanza where we handed out nearly 500 meals to needy families in the local community to a smashing good time at our Hanukkah celebration with seniors from Project Ezra. Looking forward to the next few months, we have a lot of fun stuff to keep our minds off of the increasingly cold weather outside.

Youth Group Events

Kadima Winter Shul-In | January 9 – 10

Our 3rd–5th grade community will spend the night together at the synagogue, playing games, watching movies, drinking hot chocolate (and maybe even sleeping a little)!

Ruach Family Game Night | January 31

All 1st and 2nd grade students and their families should definitely drop by to learn about youth programming at PAS. We'll have board games, video games, arts & crafts and more for the entire family to enjoy!

JT Waldman | January 13

The Rabbi Judah Nadich High School and the Congregational School are both enlisting the talents of the incredible comic-book artist, JT Waldman, creator of the graphic novel ***Megillat Esther*** published by the Jewish Publication Society in 2005. (Available in the Rothschild Library.) Mr. Waldman will work with our students on expressing their ideas about Judaism in artistic form and translating Torah and Midrash into fun, cool graphic novels and comics.

Kadima goes Ice Skating | February 7

You can't really enjoy the winter without a little ice skating, so join Kadima as we twist, twirl, and probably fall all day long!

Thanksgiving Food Drive 2009

Members of the Food Pantry Crew are surrounded by some of the 500 bags they distributed for Thanksgiving.

High School Time Changes

Beginning on **Wednesday, January 6** the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School program will run **from 6:00 – 8:00 pm** instead of from 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Every Wednesday is an exciting opportunity to learn something new and relevant to Jewish teens, as well as a great chance just to hang out with your PAS buddies in a casual, comfortable environment.

Bikur Cholim

Herb & Harriet Feiwel, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Karen & Barry Frankel, *in memory of Mildred C. Stern, grandmother of Debbie & Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove.*
Stephanie, Kevin, Alexandra & Harrison Leichter, *in memory of Melanie Schneider.*
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Congregational School Fund

Donna & Marc Ellenbogen, *in loving memory of their aunt Lorraine Posner.*

Vivian Finkel Education Fund

The Ruth Levenson Family, *in memory of Vivian Finkel.*
Phyllis, Bernard, Lionel Alexander & Evan Leventhal, *in honor and in memory of Vivian Finkel.*

High School Food Pantry

Natalie & Brett Barth, *in appreciation of Lynn Schneider and in memory of her mother, Melanie Schneider.*
Natalie & Brett Barth, *Mazel Tov to Roger Einiger, Honorary Degree recipient at Yeshiva University's Hanukkah Dinner and Convocation.*
Michael & Esther Brenner, *in honor of Simon & Barbara Lincoln's wedding.*
Michael & Esther Brenner, *in memory of Mildred C. Stern, grandmother of Debbie Crosgrove.*
Michael & Esther Brenner, *in honor of Elana & Raphael Rozenfeld's wedding.*
Edward Cohen, *in memory of his beloved mother Arline Cohen.*
Joanne Davis, *in memory of her beloved sister Judith Victorsohn Rosenberg.*
Leon Demb, *in honor of Cantor Elana Cohen & Dr.Raphael Rozenfeld's Aufruf.*
Leon Demb, *in honor of Cantor Nancy Abramson's birthday.*
Marshall Gluck, *in memory of his beloved wife Ruth R. Gluck.*
Justin Karr.
The Lander Family, *in memory of Ruth Smallberg, mother of Dr. Gerald Smallberg.*
Ruth Levenson, *in loving memory of her beloved father-in-law Milton Levenson.*
Ruth Levenson, *in memory of her beloved father Juan Levi.*
Sylvan & Joan Schefler, *in memory of Mildred C. Stern, grandmother of Debbie Cosgrove.*
Robin Stevens Vogel, *in honor of her birthday.*

Library Fund

Anita & Stephen Comite & Family, *in memory of Mildred Stern, Debbie Cosgrove's grandmother.*
Rachel Philipp.

Liturgical Music Fund

Ruth Levenson, *with congratulations to Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz on the birth of their grandson Elan Jacob.*
Burson Marsteller, *in memory of Dr. Robert Schultz.*

Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doris & Henry Murad, *wishing a speedy recovery for Fred Kooby.*

Prayer Book Fund

Andrea & Ivan Lustig, *in memory of Debbie Cosgrove's grandmother, Mildred Stern.*
Harold Michels, *in memory of his beloved wife Barbara Michels.*
Jacqueline & Robert Willens, *in memory of Alvin Willens, Eleanore Willens, Raymond Snitow and Gussie Falik.*
Jacqueline & Robert Willens, *in memory of Beatrice Ney.*

Welfare Fund

Patricia Fuchs.

Synagogue Offerings

Murray & Cheryl Abrams, *in honor of Stanley Kreinik's 80th birthday.*
Roberto Aron, *in honor of his birthday.*
Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, *in memory of her beloved father-in-law Samuel Bachman.*
Joe & Dorothy Bamberger, *for the speedy recovery of Rabbi David Lincoln.*
Joe & Dorothy Bamberger, *in honor of Stanley Kreinik on his special birthday.*
Daniel Bernstein, *in honor of his birthday.*
Avron & Sheila Brog, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Bonnie Chajet, *in memory of her beloved mother Muriel Loeb.*
Nadine Habousha Cohen & Edward Cohen, *in memory of Hayim Habousha.*
Nadine Habousha Cohen & Edward Cohen, *in celebration of the birth of Ari Lev Rein.*
Nadine Habousha Cohen & Edward Cohen, *in honor of the marriage of Simon Lincoln.*
Anne Duberstein, *in memory of her beloved husband Judge Conrad Duberstein.*
Phyllis Feinberg, *in memory of her beloved father Jacob Salovsky.*
Susan Fischer, *in memory of her beloved father Joseph Glatzer.*
Yola Gertel Friedman, *in memory of her beloved grandmother Rifka Gertel.*
Dr. Herbert Frommer, *in memory of his beloved mother Ethel Frommer.*
Dr. Iona Ginsburg, *in memory of her beloved mother Gertrude Horowitz.*
Dr. James Goldman, *in honor of his birthday.*
Sonia Grinberg, *in memory of her beloved mother-in-law Mina Grinberg.*
Aryn Grossman, *in honor of her birthday.*
Louise Hamilton, *in memory of her beloved mother Frances Myers.*
Leon Heller, *in memory of his beloved brother, Harold Heller.*
Leon Heller, *in memory of his beloved father Max J. Heller.*
Joel & Alissa Isaacson, *in memory of Augusta Shamroth, beloved grandmother of Mara Safra.*
Rosamond Kaufman, *in memory of her beloved father Ira Van Poznak.*
Gershon & Carol Kekst, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mark Kirsch, *in memory of his beloved grandfather Edward Tejw.*
Stanley & Jane Kreinik, *in honor of their anniversary and his birthday.*
Aron Krell, *in honor of his birthday.*
Alice Kulick, *in honor of Mark Fraier.*
Dorothy Lang, *in memory of her beloved mother Ida Kleiman.*
Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in memory of Carol Kekst's dear brother.*
Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, *for the speedy recovery of Rabbi David Lincoln.*
Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz, *in honor of Gershon Kekst being honored by JTS.*
Bernard Leventhal, *in loving memory of his beloved father Alvin A. Leventhal.*
Phyllis Leventhal, *in loving memory of her beloved mother Gladys Braun.*
Phyllis, Bernard, Lionel, Alexander & Evan Leventhal, *in honor and in loving memory of Vicki K. Wimpfheimer.*
Alan & Alison Levine, *in memory of Mildred C. Stern, grandmother of Debbie Cosgrove.*
Dr. Zanvel Liff, *in honor of his birthday.*
Edward Lipiner, *in memory of his beloved father Edmund Lipiner.*
Miriam London, *in memory of her beloved mother Pearl Schechterson.*
Dr. Ann Lyons, *in memory of her beloved sister Ruth Gershon.*
Aaron Malinsky, *in memory of his beloved brother Peter Malinsky.*
Robert & Sheila Miller, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Martin Milston, *in memory of his beloved sister Carol Convissor.*
Janet Moss, *for the speedy recovery of Rabbi David Lincoln.*
Herbert Nadler, *in honor of his birthday.*
Susan Orenbuch, *in memory of her beloved mother Ester Orenbuch.*
Rachel Philipp, *in memory of her beloved mother and father, Sarah & Voytech Furchtgott.*
Madeleine Redlich, *in memory of her beloved husband Richard Redlich.*
Michael & Elena Ridloff, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Robert Rifkind, *in memory of his beloved father Judge Simon H. Rifkind.*
Mordecai Rochlin, *in memory of his beloved wife Ruth Rochlin, and his beloved mother Bessie Rochlin.*
Sheri & Jimmy Rosenfeld, *in honor of Rabbi David & Susan Lincoln's son's marriage, and for a speedy recovery for Rabbi Lincoln.*
Estelle Roth.
Imre Roth.
Robert de Rothschild, *in memory of his beloved wife Debra de Rothschild on her Yahrzeit.*
Henry & Sherry Rutman, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Harvey Schulweis, *in memory of his beloved father Irving Schulweis.*
Marion & Sherwood Schwarz, *in memory of their parents, Jack & Anna Schwarz and Fannie & Mayer Falk and Joseph Lulla.*
Dr. Gloria Shafer, *in memory of her beloved mother Betty Siegel.*
Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved brother J. Leonard Silver.*
Leo Silverstein, *in honor of the birthday of Carol Silverstein.*
Sheldon Siskin, *in memory of his beloved mother Gertrude Siskin.*
The Smirnoff/Zachary family, *in memory of Mildred Stern, Debbie Cosgrove's grandmother.*
Bernice Tannenbaum, *in memory of her beloved mother May Franklin.*
Rosalyn Tauber, *in memory of Clara Tauber, grandmother of Susan Silverman, Judy Poss and David Brous.*
Ray Treiger, *in memory of his beloved mother Rose Treiger.*
Harold Unger, *in memory of his beloved father Jess Unger.*
Lois Weinberg, *in memory of her beloved mother Myrtle Paul.*
Selma Weintraub, *for the speedy recovery of Rabbi David Lincoln.*
Dr. Abraham Yurkofsky, *in honor of his birthday.*
Arlyne Zeichner, *in memory of her beloved father Irving Aaron Bailey.*

PAS thanks everyone who has given a Kol Nidre donation since the last issue of the Bulletin. *A list of names will appear in the February Bulletin.*

JANUARY 2010

ANY CHANGES ARE NOTED ON THE DAY THEY OCCUR.

Daily Minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.* ***Minha/Ma'ariv*** *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 15 Tevet Candle lighting, *4:20 pm* Offices closed *9:00 am* Morning Minyan *6:15 pm* Friday Evening service	**2** 16 Tevet *Parashat Va-y'hi* *8:45 am* Parashat HaShavua *9:15 am* Sanctuary Shabbat service *4:30 pm* Minha/Ma'ariv service
3 17 Tevet	**4** 18 Tevet *9:30 am* JAMS *5:00 pm* Parent Ed – Siddur *6:30 pm* Hebrew classes	**5** 19 Tevet *8:00 am* Essential Essays *11:30 am* Contemporary Jewish Thought *4:45 pm* Parent Ed – Mitzvah Initiative	**6** 20 Tevet *6:45 pm* Melton classes	**7** 21 Tevet *9:15 am* Melton classes *12:00 pm* Lunch & Learn *7:15 pm* Men's Club Financial & Real Estate Forum	**8** 22 Tevet Candle lighting, *4:27 pm* *8:00 am* Talmud Torah *9:30 am* HaMishpachah Sheli *6:15 pm* Friday Evening service with **Children's Birthday Blessings**	**9** 23 Tevet *Parashat Sh'mot* *8:45 am* *Parashat HaShavua* *9:15 am* Sanctuary Shabbat service *9:30 am* Havurah *10:15 am* Junior Congregation *10:15 am* Nitzanim *11:15 am* Tot Shabbat *4:45 pm* Minha/Ma'ariv service
10 24 Tevet *11:00 am* Purim Spiel Rehearsal	**11** 25 Tevet *9:30 am* JAMS *5:00 pm* Parent Ed – Synagogue Leadership Skills *6:30 pm* Hebrew classes *7:30 pm* Women's Torah Study *8:00 pm* Evening Book Discussion Group	**12** 26 Tevet *8:00 am* Essential Essays *11:30 am* Contemporary Jewish Thought *7:00 pm* Film: ***Praying with Lior***	**13** 27 Tevet *6:45 pm* Melton classes	**14** 28 Tevet *9:15 am* Melton classes *12:00 pm* Lunch & Learn *7:30 pm* Moonbeams	**15** 29 Tevet Candle lighting, *4:34 pm* *8:00 am* Talmud Torah *9:30 am* HaMishpachah Sheli *6:15 pm* Friday Evening service	**16** 1 Shevat *Rosh Hodesh* *Parashat Va-era* *8:45 am* *Parashat HaShavua* *9:15 am* Sanctuary Shabbat service *10:15 am* Learners' Minyan *4:45 pm* Minha/Ma'ariv service
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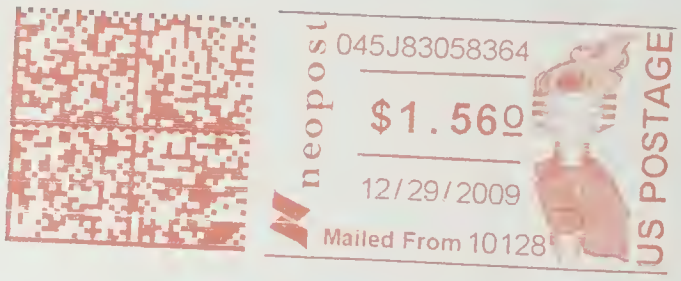

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A Look Ahead

Memorial tribute to Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hadassah Ribalow Nadich

Gerson D. Cohen Memorial Lecture | **February 4 | 7:30 pm | PAS Member cocktail reception: 6:30 pm | ✆**

"The Economic Meltdown and the Future of the Jewish Community." Dr. Jonathan Sarna, Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, Brandeis University. The lecture is free, but reservations are required.

✆ **Please RSVP** *to Lynn Schneider at lschneider@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x105.*

Saturday evening, February 27, and Sunday, February 28

Purim

Celebrate at PAS with a **Family Megillah Reading** and **Costume Parade**, **Pizza Dinner**, **Full Megillah Reading**, **Purim Carnival**.

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A Little Spiel Music: Purim by Sondheim

Saturday evening, Erev Purim, February 27

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